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### **Vermont Marble Co. Strike of 1935**

**The Vermont Marble Company Strike of 1935-1936 traces in close detail all of the causes, violence and ultimate resolution of the strike that turned neighbor against neighbor. Its story is told here by Douglas S. Lertola and Mary H. Fregosi who had a common interest, as indicated in the opening statement.**

**The Vermont Marble Company was established in 1880 and grew extensively over the years. Workers lived in Company houses; used Company electricity; received medical attention and received fair wages. However, during the depression of the 1930s the cost of living left workers with inadequate resources, leading to a strike.**

**The article meticulously describes the progress of the strike with its union and nonunion workers in dispute; the ongoing violence; the destruction of property; and the numerous attempts to come to a resolution. Ultimately after six months an agreement was obtained, leaving bitter memories for years to come. Numerous pictures accompany this remarkable, well written, account.**